

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A game system according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~13, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ said electronic money terminal comprises a space into which said electronic storage medium is inserted.

3. (Currently Amended) A game system according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~13, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ said electronic money terminal comprises:
a slit into which said electronic storage medium is inserted; and
a drawing out restricting means ~~restricts~~ for restricting drawing out of said electronic money storage medium during a period from said electronic money storage medium is inserted into said slit to said game is terminated and permits drawing out of said electronic money storage medium.

4. (Currently Amended) A game system according to ~~one of Claims from 1 to Claim 13, 2 or 3, wherein characterized in that~~ said reader/ writer means

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starts communication with said electronic money storage medium after said execution recognition means is operated.

5. (Currently Amended) A game system according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~ characterized in that Claim 13, 2 or 3, wherein said electronic money terminal comprises an electronic money storage medium detecting means for detecting said electronic money storage medium existing at a predetermined position relative to said reader/ writer means and [[that]] said reader/ writer means starts communication with said electronic money storage medium after said electronic money storage medium is detected by said electronic money storage medium detecting means.

6. (Currently Amended) A game system according to ~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~ characterized in that Claim 13, 2 or 3, wherein said communication means with electronic money control means and said game start control means are provided one for a plurality of said electronic money terminals and that a switch means is further provided for connecting selectively one of said electronic money terminals to said communication means with electronic money control means and said game start control means.

7. (Currently Amended) A game system according to ~~one of Claims from 1 to 6~~ characterized in that Claim 13, 2 or 3, wherein, a balance inquiry confirmation means which is operated by said player when said player tries to inquire said balance of said electronic money is provided, and that said balance is displayed during a period when said player operates said balance inquiry confirmation means.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A game machine comprising:
a reader/ writer means capable of communicating with an electronic money storage medium storing information of said electronic money;
a communication means with electronic money control means capable of communicating with said electronic money control means, which is capable of transmitting said information to said electronic money control means;
an execution recognition means operated by a player when he starts said game on said game machine by said electronic money; and
a game start control means for starting execution of said game,

wherein said electronic money control means informs said balance of said electronic money through said communication means with electronic money control means to said game start control means when said electronic money control man receives said information of said electronic money from said communication means with electronic money control means, and

said game start control means starts game execution when said player operates said execution recognition means and said balance informed from said electronic money control means is not less than a unit price of said game.

11. (Original) A game program including program codes executable by an information processing apparatus connected to a reader/ writer means capable of communicating with an electronic money storage medium storing information of said electronic money, to a communication means with electronic money control means capable of communicating with said electronic money control means, which is capable of transmitting said information to said electronic money control means, and to a game start control means, comprising:

an execution recognition step operated by a player when said player starts a game on said game machine using an electronic game;

a communication step of informing a balance of said electronic money through said communication means with electronic money control means to said said game start control means when said communication means with electronic

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money control means capable of communicating with said electronic money

control means; and

a step of starting to execute said game by said game start control means
when said player operates said execution recognition means and said balance is
not less than a unit price of said game.

12. (Original) A memory medium readable by said information processing
apparatus in which said game program according to Claim 11 is stored.

13. (New) A game system comprising:

a game machine established in a store for executing a game using an
electronic money;

an electronic money terminal control means for controlling usage of said
game machine and execution record of said game on said game machine using
electronic money;

a game control means for integrating record of said electronic money
terminal control means in a plurality of said stores;

an electronic money control means for controlling a usage record of said
electronic moneys;

an electronic money terminal comprising a reader/ writer means capable of
communicating with an electronic money storage medium which stores

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information of said electronic money and an execution recognition means operated by a player when said player starts said game on said game machine using said electronic money;

a communication means with electronic money control means for communicating with said electronic money control means and for transmitting said information of said electronic money read by said reader/ writer means to said electronic money control means; and

a game start control means for starting execution of said game, which starts game execution when said game start control means receives a communication of a balance of said electronic money storage medium from said communication means with electronic money control means, said player operates said execution recognition means and said balance is not less than a unit price of said game.

14. (New) A game system according to Claim 13, 1 or 2, wherein said electronic money terminal further comprises a display means for displaying a unit price of said game and a balance of said electronic money storage medium.

15. (New) A game system according to Claim 14, wherein said electronic money terminal automatically displays said balance only when said balance is not

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more than a predetermined value, after said electronic money storage medium is detected by said electronic money storage medium detecting mean.